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SUBJECT: IREX VISIT: ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

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1. IREX VISITORS KASSOF AND MATUSZEWSKI BEGAN ACADEMY MEETING BY PROPOSING DRAFT OF NEW ACLS-ACADEMY AGREEMENT TO TAKE EFFECT IN CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR. ALTHOUGH SOVIETS HAD PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT, IREX/ACLS AGREEMENT COVERS TWO YEARS WITH PROVISION FOR REVIEW AT END OF CY'77 TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING THREE-YEAR PERIOD. REASONS CITED WERE (A) INTERNAL BUDGET UNCERTAINTY AND (B) TO LEAVE POSSIBLE INCREASE OPEN FOR FINAL THREE YEARS. ACLS PROPOSAL PROVIDES FOR SIXTY MAN/MONTHS PER YEAR FOR REGULAR EXCHANGES, WITH AN ADDITIONAL FORTY RESERVED FOR COMMISSION IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED BY VARIOUS PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTIONS. ACADEMY EXPRESSED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE AND SAID MAN/MONTH PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE.

2. IREX TURNED DOWN EARLIER ACADEMY PROPOSAL TO INCREASE DOLLAR AND RUBLE STIPENDS BECAUSE OF (A) BUDGET LIMITATIONS, AND (B) AMERICAN SCHOLARS NEED FOR DOLLAR PAYMENTS FOR EXPENSES BOTH IN USSR AND AT HOME.

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3. SEVERAL ITEMS OF COMMISSION BUSINESS WERE DISCUSSED.  
(IN ADDITION TO ACADEMY OFFICIALS, DR. YURI A. KOSTKO, IMEMO  
SENIOR FELLOW AND COMMISSION SECRETARY, WAS PRESENT.)

A. SECOND COMMISSION MEETING WOULD BE IN USSR IN LATE 1976.

B. COMPLETED PROJECTS INCLUDE 1975 SOVIET-AMERICAN HISTORIANS  
SYMPOSIUM AT STANFORD AND JUBILEE EDITION OF BOOK ON SOVIET  
SCHOLAR WITH ARTICLES FROM BOTH COUNTRIES.

C. SECOND ECONOMIC PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1976.  
ORGANIZED BY IMEMO, USA INSTITUTE, AND STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE,  
IT WOULD BE SYMPOSIUM TO DISCUSS BARRIERS TO SOVIET-AMERICAN  
TRADE. JOHNSON FOUNDATION WILL HELP FUND.

D. MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL ON PROBLEMS OF EDITING CLASSICS  
OF NATIONAL LITERATURE OF EACH COUNTRY; ORGANIZED BY PROFESSORS  
DAVID NORDLOW OF INDIANA U. AND OBCHERENKO OF GORKIY INSTITUTE.

E. DUAL HISTORY SECRETARIAT, WITH HEADQUARTERS AT WOODROW WILSON  
CENTER IN WASHINGTON; DR. FRED STARR WILL VISIT IN MARCH TO  
DISCUSS. THIS WILL BE A CLEARING HOUSE TO PERMIT SERVICING OF  
REQUESTS BY SCHOLARS OF BOTH COUNTRIES WHO CANNOT VISIT THE OTHER  
COUNTRY TO OBTAIN MATERIALS. WILL BEGIN AT END OF 1976.

F. TWO PROJECTS ON SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND ROLE OF UN,  
SUPPORTED BY STANLEY FOUNDATION.

G. PROJECT WITH INSTITUTE OF SOCIOLOGY ON USE OF SOCIAL  
INDICATORS IN MEASURING SOCIAL CHANGE.

H. PROJECTS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ANTHROPOLOGY WILL BE MADE  
SOON.

4. ACADEMY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH GOOD START AND SAID THEY  
WERE ANXIOUS TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS GOOD BASIS FOR FUTURE WORK.  
KASSOF NOTED PROJECTS ENVISIONED SO FAR ARE EITHER UNDERWAY OR  
PLANNED, AND BOTH SIDES AGREED TO PROCEED AS SCHEDULED.  
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